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Francisco Sánchez is the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM). HCOHSEM is responsible for disaster preparedness and response in the nation's third largest county. Sánchez joined Harris County in 2004 and, since then, has served as a member of the Command Staff for four of the nation's ten costliest natural disasters. This includes the county's response to Hurricanes Katrina, Ike, and Harvey as well as the 2021 Winter Storm Uri. In 2017, Sánchez helped lead the public information response to both Super Bowl LI and Hurricane Harvey, the second costliest storm in United States history.

Sánchez was appointed to the Communications Security Reliability and Interoperability Council in 2013 and has served on successive councils including CSRIC VIII. He is an advocate of integrating emergency public information and Joint Information Center concepts into local emergency response efforts.

He has been a featured national and international speaker on these topics at the SXSW, National Hurricane Conference, National Conference of State Legislatures, Texas Homeland Security Conference, Emergency Management Magazine road show, the National All-Hazard Incident Management Team Training & Education Conference, Texas State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Conference, Smart Cities and other forums.

In 2019, Sánchez was elected as President of the Emergency Management Association of Texas to serve a two-year term.

Sánchez holds a Bachelors in Political Science from the University of Houston and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Sam Houston State University. He has served on boards and leadership groups of numerous local and national organizations. He is a member of the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Department and serves as a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo committeeman.